Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 16 and 18 are cancelled and claims 13 and 14 are amended.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 to 8 (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said vehicle includes a supply voltage unit for supplying a supply voltage and electrical systems, the method comprising a further step of maintaining the parking brake braking force even when the supply voltage for the electrical systems of the vehicle is switched off.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said vehicle includes a supply voltage and an electrical system, the method comprising a further step of maintaining the neutral position or the park position of the transmission when the supply voltage for the electrical systems of the vehicle is switched off; and, only then leaving the position of the transmission when the start-drive command of the driver is recognized.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, comprising a

further step of interrupting the force flow after a predetermined time has elapsed after detection of standstill.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method for ensuring standstill of a vehicle in combination with an adaptive road speed controller of the vehicle, the vehicle including a drive train incorporating an automatic transmission which provides and interrupts a force flow in the drive train, the method comprising the steps of:

measuring at least the distance of said vehicle to an object ahead of said vehicle;

activating the engine control or the braking control of said vehicle in dependence upon said distance and a desired value so that said vehicle can be braked to standstill;

building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

interrupting the force flow in the drive train of said vehicle by controlling an automatic transmission into a neutral position or a park position;

actuating an operator-controlled element to activate said adaptive road speed controller;

detecting a start-drive command of the driver when ~~an~~ said operator-controlled element is actuated; and,

disengaging said parking brake function and controlling said automatic transmission out of said neutral position or said park position when said start-drive command is detected.

14. (Previously Presented) An arrangement for ensuring standstill of a vehicle in combination with an adaptive road speed controller of the vehicle, the vehicle including a drive train incorporating an automatic transmission which provides and interrupts a force flow in the drive train, the arrangement comprising a control unit which executes the following steps:

measuring at least the distance of said vehicle to an object ahead of said vehicle;

activating the engine control or the braking control of said vehicle in dependence upon said distance and a desired value so that said vehicle can be braked to standstill;

building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

interrupting the force flow in the drive train of said vehicle by controlling an automatic transmission into a neutral position or a park position;

activating said adaptive road speed controller in response to an actuation by the driver of an operator-controlled element;

detecting a start-drive command of the driver when ~~an~~ said operator-controlled element is actuated; and,

disengaging said parking brake function and controlling said automatic transmission out of said neutral position or said park position when said start-drive command is detected.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said operator-controlled element is a switch of the adaptive road

speed controller.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 14, wherein said operator-controlled element is a switch of the adaptive road speed controller.

18. (Cancelled).